

HOUSE RESOLUTION 7024
By Fowlkes

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Tennessee Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention, Incorporated, on the occasion of its Middle Region Annual Session.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are proud to recognize those religious organizations and associations whose rich histories of service to Tennesseans are commendable and worthwhile; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention, Incorporated (TBMEC), which will hold its Middle Region Annual Session in Pulaski on February 4-5, 2006, is one such organization; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to the spread of Christian knowledge and belief, TBMEC has contributed greatly to several institutions of learning throughout its history, offering significant support to the Howe Institute, Roger Williams University, S. A. Owen Junior College, and the American Baptist College; and

WHEREAS, with a sterling history of Christian service dating back to its founding in 1872, TBMEC has been guided throughout the years by many great Presidents, including Dr. S. A. Owen, Reverend A. M. Williams, Reverend H. H. Battle, Reverend W. C. Holmes, Dr. B. G. Ragsdale, Reverend K. T. Whalum, Dr. Virgil J. Caldwell, Reverend D. W. Bender, Dr. Harold A. Middlebrook, Sr., Dr. Herman A. Powell, Sr., Reverend Edward S. Robinson, Sr., and Reverend Dennis E. Blalock, the organization's current President; and

WHEREAS, many TBMEC members have become leaders in their respective communities, in this State, and in this nation. Its members include Dr. Benjamin Hooks, who served as Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, Chairman of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and Memphis Criminal Court Judge; civil

rights leader Kelley Miller Smith, Sr.; Fred Lofton, President of the Progressive National Baptist Convention; A. M. Townsend, Executive Secretary of the National Baptist Sunday School Publishing Board; K. T. Whalum, member of the Memphis City Council; and Johnny Shaw, Tennessee State Representative; and

WHEREAS, throughout its storied history, the Tennessee Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention has stood as a proud and stalwart beacon of Christian belief and brotherhood, and it should be properly recognized for the positive change it has effected throughout the whole of our society; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we recognize and commend the Tennessee Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention, Incorporated for its many years of unwavering Christian service to the citizens of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we gladly take this opportunity to offer our best wishes to the Tennessee Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention for its every success during its Middle Region Annual Session, to be held in Pulaski on February 4-5, 2006.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.